

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL DEVELOPMENTS IN REVIEW: 2000

Editor's Preface

This is the fifth anniversary of the International Legal Developments in Review. What began as a "noble experiment" has become an institution. I have been involved in the process from its inception, for four years as a contributor, last year as deputy editor, and now this year as editor. Having seen the process evolve from its early beginnings, it is remarkable how fast it has grown into an established feature of the Section on International Law and Practice. Almost every committee of the Section now recognizes that one of its principal duties is to report to the legal community on the developments of the past year. This year is no exception, and we set a record with almost 700 pages of text. So voluminous were the submissions that again we were forced to defer publication of the foreign law contributions until the fall issue of *The International Lawyer*.

When Professor John Murphy invited me to serve as the editor of this project, I offered no hesitation. After all, what other publication in international law is received and read by over 13,000 of one's peers? What other publication attempts, on an annual basis, to review the entire landscape of international law?

A project of this magnitude could not be accomplished without the dedicated efforts of many individuals. And as the project has become institutionalized, more and more individuals merit recognition. First and foremost, I would like to thank the contributors. This year we had almost 150 contributors writing thirty-four articles. Of course, the views expressed are those of the individual authors, not the Section of International Law and Practice. Moreover, while a uniform style regarding formatting and footnoting was encouraged, it would be impossible with this many contributors to say that this goal was achieved.

Also deserving special acknowledgement are the division chairs of the Section—Michael Byowitz, Stuart Deming, Aileen Pisciotta, and Deborah Enix-Ross—who each assisted in securing the submissions of their respective committees. In addition, the leadership of the Section, Chair Dan Magraw and Chair-Elect Bob Lutz, continued to provide active support for the project. These efforts contributed to the quantity and quality of the submissions.

Finally, I would also like to thank Southern Methodist University for its support. Particularly deserving recognition are Dean Christine Szaj, Executive Editor of the project, Rita Stoy, Administrative Assistant of *The International Lawyer*, Kimberly Dennis and Sherreen El Domeiri, the past and current Managing Editor of *The International Lawyer*, and over fifty law students at Southern Methodist University who assisted with the project.

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